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### Letter to a Bishop

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I shall not live in the praise  
of all the disloyal - & have become  
a by-word of the loyal. Partly  
for that reason I the more take  
part with works of benevolence  
not peculiar to our Ch. having  
freedom to be new - that if by  
any means I may do something  
to redeem the character of our  
community -

I never knew how Potter Resolving  
came about as to the two Parson  
letters, till recently, in answer to  
the question from me, how far  
I was to understand that my abate  
on Retention under the Resolving  
to be in the name of the H. of Bp.  
he detailed the process - so far as  
~~the~~ that particular part is  
concerned, I like the process

C. P. M.

all att: to

Anc. Dec. 19/15  
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Dear Bp.

After two weeks confinement  
so as to be in the best  
of & write, I am now by the  
Lord's favor, nearly well - what I  
should have exceedingly dreaded,  
had it been proven, such as  
Carbuncle, which Physicians usually  
treat by excision, has been cured  
gradually to get away & the wound  
healed by nothing more than the  
process of nature - I rec'd yours of the  
11<sup>th</sup> - when I could not answer it  
without pain - Webb had written  
me briefly about his news - I could  
not go there as expected - I have



never been here - not having been  
to Hillsborough since he went  
& he did not meet us at Conven-  
tion - so that I know nothing  
about him but from his letters  
& therefore can not give an opinion  
in answer to your question -

I did not mean any thing, by  
not mentioning Mr. Short when  
I wrote about Gamber - I heard  
nothing unfavorable of him. Dr.  
McElhenny took an opportunity  
to explain what he had written me  
of him, so as to ease it off - The  
College seems prosperous. Short  
writes that there has been a dis-  
turbance at Melior Hill & disor-  
dering - Poor March has lost his  
wife - What you suggest about

Morrell's going on an inspection  
visit to Worcester, is well - The Mass.  
Con. have declined recommending  
for want of testimonials - I suppose  
you will be present at Randall's  
Consecration - He invited me but  
of course did not suppose I could  
go - Kerfoot writes a kind letter  
asking me to his - But it will be  
so in the middle of winter that  
I have no expectation of it - As the  
arrangements are made of course  
with me, my not going will  
cause no inconvenience - I am  
so ashamed of our Church, for its  
action in the Gen. Con. - that I  
feel no disposition to appear in any  
of its great designs, where no duty calls  
You may mitigate the effects, but

special address to Clergy &c. better  
than the other - I wrote to see (a)  
Burgess, Potter & Whittingham to get  
their views as above mentioned -  
Whittingham answered more  
strongly than all as to the ~~repro~~  
understanding that the Bishop  
was to be the voice of the House  
not mine - He goes as far as  
that direction is possible - I shall  
make a little paper which will  
accord with the views of all  
the four - while by returning the  
original form of the paper as  
read - "We the Bishops &c."  
its representative character  
will be given - It is now being  
printed - My ship has delayed  
it -



I am very glad to be  
in Boston Harbor - Boston Liberi-  
ty is Boston - Napoleon said the  
Empire means Peace - Boston  
means Boston - All that's good  
is Boston - All that isn't ain't

I have an opportunity, just  
now to send this to the P.O.

I must stop -

Yours affly  
C. P. A.